

REMARKS

Claims 2-27, 29-45 and 60-68 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated February 17, 2005, the Examiner objected to the language of claim 61, rejected claims 59 and 66-68, allowed claims 2-27 and 29-45 of the present application, and objected to claims 60-65 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 59 and amended claims 60-64 and 66-68.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 2-27 and 29-45. Furthermore, the Examiner has objected to claims 60-65 as being dependent on rejected base claim 59. The Examiner suggested that claims 60-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant cancels claim 59 and incorporates the limitations of claim 59 into amended claims 60-64.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 61 because claim 61 recited “third” and “fourth” data without any mention of “first” and “second” data. In response to the objection of the language of claim 61, Applicant amends claim 61 to incorporate the Examiner’s suggestion of a “first” and “second” data..

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 59 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamada *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,600,819). Without agreeing or acquiescing in the

Examiner's arguments, Applicant has canceled claim 59 and amended claim 66 to depend from one of claims 60-64, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Therefore, claim 66 is allowable for at least the same reasons as is claims 60-64.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 67-68 as being unpatentable over Kamada *et al.* and Hayes *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,570). Without agreeing or acquiescing in the Examiner's arguments, Applicants have amended claims 67-68 to depend from one of claims 60-64, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Therefore, claims 67 and 68 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is claims 60-64.

Conclusion

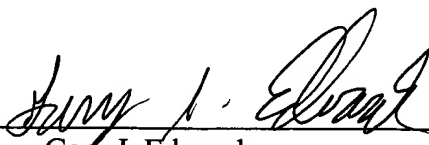
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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